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Carbondale Council Must Bite Bullet on Fate of Program

Carbondale city council finds itself in a "damned if we do, damned if we don't" situation as it deliberates Mayor Charlotte Moro and city managing director Bob Davis' Capital Improvements Program. The program, which calls for a big tax increase, because rejection would spell doom for the city's future, is the best of a bad lot. It is going to take a lot of thought and a bit of mettle for the council to accept the program, but it is the best of a bad lot. It is going to take a lot of thought and a bit of mettle for the council to accept the program, but it is the best of a bad lot.



Comment

Jerry Palko
Wednesday night when what is at stake should they respect the plan, but council's uneasiness should be appreciated. The plan is not a bad one, but it is a plan that will require a lot of thought and a bit of mettle for the council to accept.

day night they demonstrated careful deliberation and for that deserve credit. Deserving any credit are the hundreds of local business people and industrialists and thousands of ordinary citizens who shared their civic responsibility by staying home Wednesday night to watch the program. Those who did speak at the public hearing were unanimous in support of the Capital Improvements Program. Most of council's reasons for reservation were countered with more important reasons for support. The general feeling was that Carbondale cannot afford not to go with the city's plan. It is a plan that will require a lot of thought and a bit of mettle for the council to accept.

Carbondale Beginning To Show Signs of Self-Respect

By JOE UNANSKY
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Carbondale — For the past several years, Carbondale has been considered the Rodney Dangerfield of third class cities. It has been the city that has been overlooked, the city that has been forgotten. But now, it is beginning to show signs of self-respect. It is beginning to stand up for itself and to demand respect from the rest of the world.

She added, "Believe me, it wasn't easy pinching pennies." She cited her administration's proposed capital improvement program as the solution to the city's financial woes. "I really and truly hope and pray the council will go along with the program," she said. "It is the only way we can apply for grants to do that is to have the matching funds available."

In recent months, department of public works employees have trimmed the trees behind city hall, renovated the grounds around the building. In addition, workers replaced a portion of the building's roof while firemen worked on the grounds of the Carbondale House. "I've had a couple of people visit me — one from Philadelphia and one from Pittsburgh — and they said they've seen a great change in the city in the last few months," she said. "I honestly believe that people are more concerned about how Carbondale looks. If you look around, it really shows."

Mayor Charlotte Moro

"I'm not a bit discouraged and I'm not a bit discouraged," said Mayor Moro. "I'm almost positive that the budget will be met and I don't think we'll be in the red... but I'll keep my fingers crossed and keep praying that nothing pops up before the year is over, noted the mayor."

Mayor Moro said, "If we can get that park, I'm positive we'll get a plant here." Aside from concrete measures such as creating a public park, Mayor Moro said Carbondale is creating badly needed jobs, Mayor Moro said steps to beautify the city.

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But "Carbondale is beginning
to show signs of self respect"
in a consequence, in part,
of everything that the
C H S M, under the
direction of SAP, has done.

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Dear Bob:

As you know, Pioneer Days 1984 was the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum's third year of participation in the event. As in both 1982 and 1983, the support and cooperation of the Pioneer Days Committee played an important role in the activities of the Society during that week. Given the fact that the Committee and the Society are both working for the good of Carbondale, the Executive Committee of the Society would like to arrange a joint meeting with the officers of the Committee, at which time, plans for the 1985 Pioneer Days activities, events and layout could be discussed. Please let us know a suitable date for such a meeting, so that we may be able to assist you in making next year's Pioneer Days an even greater success. Thanks very much, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,
S. Robert Powell
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